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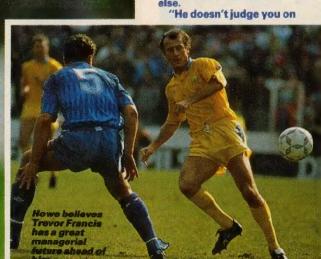
ormer England coach Don Howe has taken a swipe at the soccer chairmen who make the job of a manager more precarious than that of a tightrope walker.

The 55-year-old Howe joined the growing list of unemployed managers when he was dismissed by QPR at the end of the season. But he's pledged to bounce back from the safety net and take up his customary place on the high wire.

Howe, who was also sacked by Arsenal to make way for George Graham five years ago, remains undeterred by the hazardous nature of the job he still loves and says: "This hasn't put me off. I know the score.

"The criteria we all work under as managers, or coaches, is success on the field. We all know that. Nothing has changed; our futures are decided by a whim of the man at the top.

"The chairman is not understanding of the problems of managing a club. He measures your success by results. Nothing



TRUST TREVOR

ON Howe has tipped his **Loftus Road predecessor** Trevor Francis to emerge as one of the great managerial talents of the 90s, but warns: "Be prepared to get the sack again

Francis had a brutal introduction to the cut-throat world of management; an 11month nightmare which ended in acrimony ... and the sack.

Howe offers the Sheffield Wednesday striker words of comfort when he says: "Don't be put off by getting the boot. Put it down to experience. The sack

isn't the end of the world."

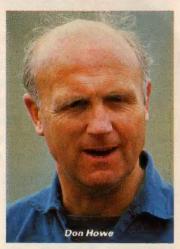
But, should he return to the hot seat hell, Howe urges him: "Don't go back into it thinking you're going to be at a club a

Howe continues: "All the young fellas, like Trevor, who come into management have got to understand that they have got a chance of getting the sack within two years unless they

start brilliantly.
"If they last three, they've done very well. It's no good them thinking 'it won't happen to me' because it will. That's the nature of the business that we're in I'm

Howe reckons Francis has got the makings of a top boss and, along with the likes of Ray Wilkins, David O'Leary and Terry Fenwick, tips a bright managerial future for him

"All the things Trevor has got to offer will come out sooner or later and some chairman will cash in on the experience he gained during his time at QPR, says Howe. "He will go back into management and someone will say 'christ, we've made a good move here'.



what's going on within the club or how you are performing on the training pitch. He has no experience of that."

Howe cites his sacking by Arsenal in 1986 as the perfect example of a chairman demanding instant success without giving consideration to potential and the future.

Under George Graham The Gunners have, of course, gone on to win the Championship twice in the last three years, seemingly vindicating Peter Hill-Wood's decision to do away with the services of gentleman Howe.

Achievements

But, while he refuses to take anything away from Graham and his achievements at Highbury, he's keen to point out: "I got sacked by the Arsenal knowing for a fact that I had left a super group of players who were going on to greater things.

"Peter Hill-Wood couldn't measure that, however. He never said 'we are bringing some good, young kids through ... it's only a matter of time'.

But Howe isn't one to dwell on the past. 'You get sacked on a Tuesday and the Wednesday is the start of the next phase of your career' is his philosophy.

"I will be back," he vows, "I still love the game, still love the thrill of a football match on a Saturday afternoon and still love working with players. The hunger inside me is as great as it ever was."

Howe was sacked by a Rangers chairman half his age and replaced by a man 16 years his junior. But he insists: "I don't consider myself too old for this

job.
"Between 50 and 60 you are in your prime as a manager; just as you are at 28 as a player. I can do the job as well as any youngster. In fact, because of my experience I'm a better coach than I was at 38 years of age. I've still got a lot

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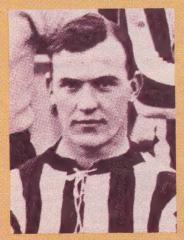
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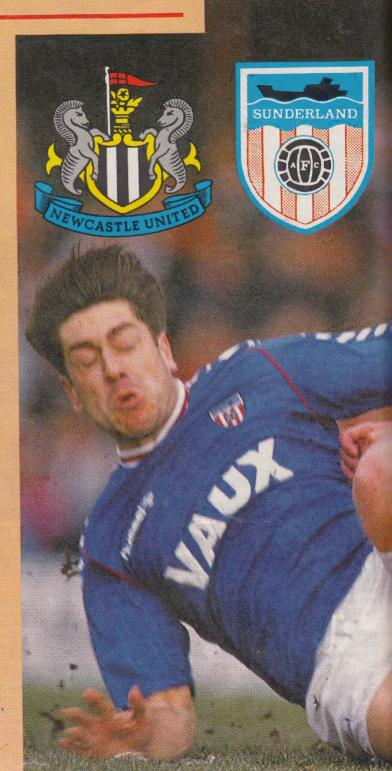
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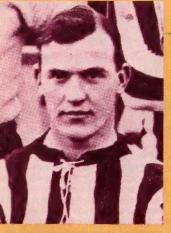
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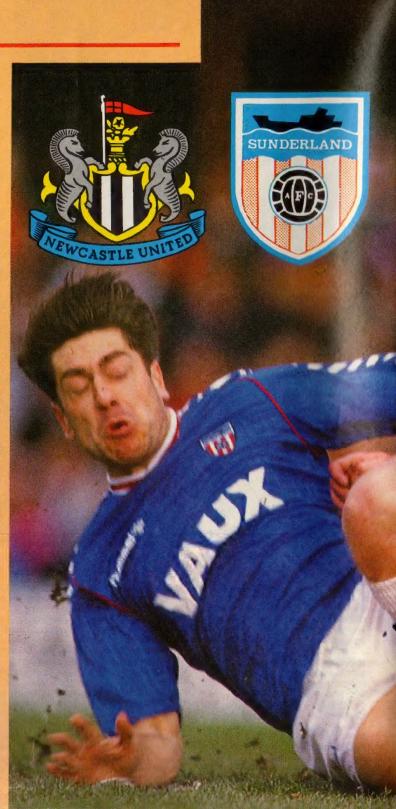
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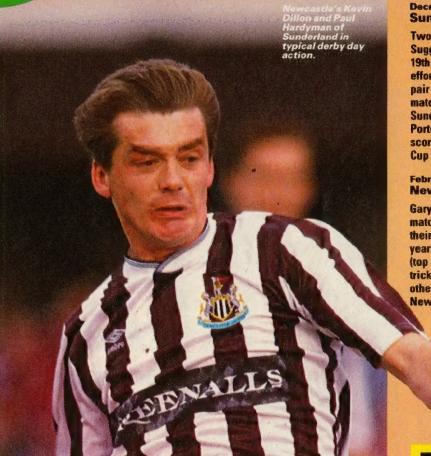


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December 30, 1967. Division One **Sunderland 3 Newcastle 3**

Two goals for Sunderland's Colin Suggett helped him celebrate his 19th birthday in style, though his efforts were cancelled out by a pair of Ollie Burton penalties. The match also marked the Sunderland debut of lan Porterfield, who six years later scored the Roker Park Club's FA **Cup Final winner against Leeds.**

February 24, 1979. Division Two **Newcastle 1 Sunderland 4**

Gary Rowell totally dominated this match as Sunderland chalked up their biggest derby victory in 48 years. The young Roker striker (top right) grabbed the first hattrick of his career and set up the other goal for Wayne Entwistle as Newcastle were totally outplayed.



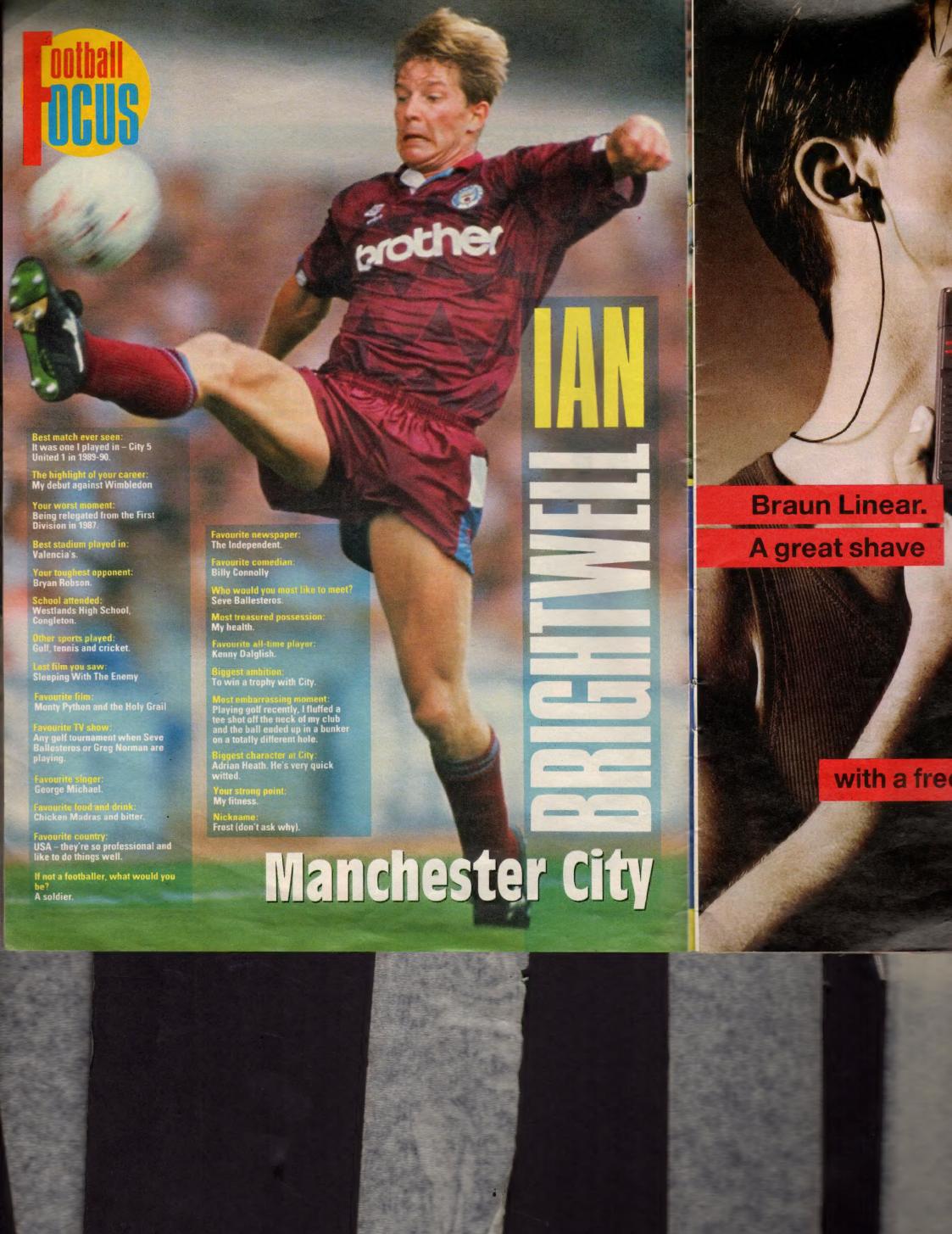


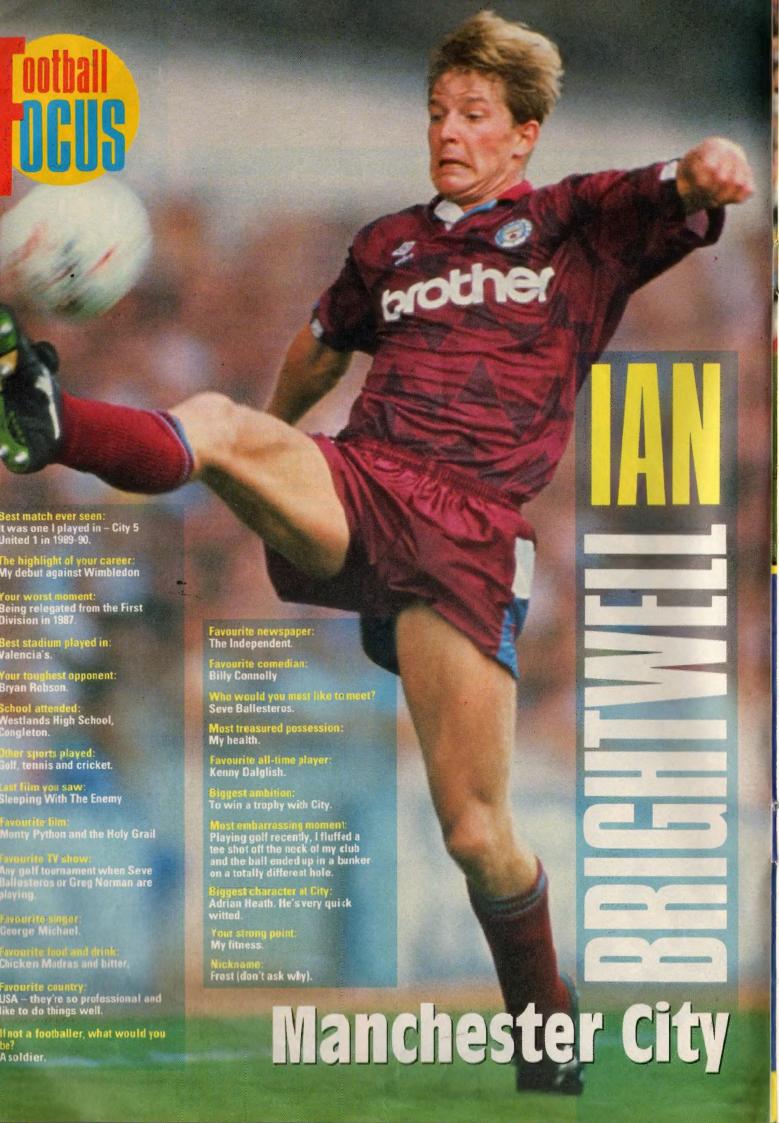
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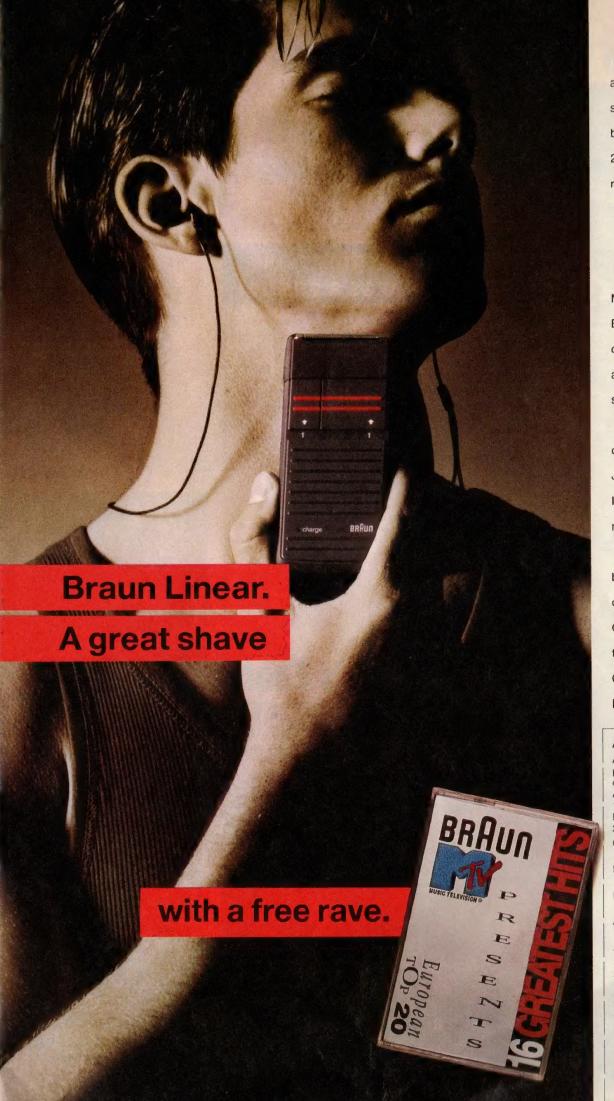
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1901-02	1-2	1933-34	2-1
1902-03	1-0	1948-49	2-1
1903-04	1-3	1949-50	2-2
1904-05	1-3	1950-51	2-2
1905-06	1-1	1951-52	2-2
1906-07	4-2	1952-53	2-2
1907-08	1-3	1953-54	2-1
1908-09	1-9	1954-55	1-2
1909-10	1-0	1955-56	3-1
1910-11	1-1	1956-57	6-2
1911-12	3-1	1957-58	2-2
1912-13	1-1	1961-62	2-2
1913-14	2-1	1962-63	1-1
1914-15	2-5	1963-64	1-0
1919-20	2-3	1965-66	2-0
1920-21	6-1	1966-67	0-3
1921-22	2-2	1967-68	2-1
1922-23	2-1	1968-69	1-1
1923-24	0-2	1969-70	3-0
1924-25	2-0	1976-77	2-0
1925-26	0-0	1978-79	1-4
1926-27	1-0	1979-80	3-1
1927-28	3-1	1984-85	3-1
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Who's been voted Play er of the Year at YOUR club?

But the Geordies wanted him as a goalie!

outhampton fans certainly got it right when they voted super striker Alan Shearer their Player of the Year.

Although the young Geordie managed four League goals Saints last season, he d his growing potential ing England Under-21s

Player of the Year awards, voted by the Dell fans, away supporters

stardom has set the South Coast buzzing, back in his native North East they'll be wondering how another Geordie genius slipped

Newcastle had goal-grabber Shearer on trial for a week when he was 13 - and tried to turn him

short of players for an 11-a-side game and someone told me to centre-forward' but I was stuck

They then put me in midfield to sign me on but I

It's Thomas The Boot

S toke fans were up in arms when Mickey Thomas, their idol and Player of the Year, was rewarded for his efforts with a free transfer from the managerless club.

Phone lines into the Victoria Ground were jammed as supporters rang in their protests and Thomas, fast approaching his 37th birthday, says: "They have made the club aware what they think of

the decision. "I must admit, I felt it was a strange move too. I thought you only got a free transfer when you'd had a bad season. I know for a fact I had a good season . .

ask the fans. "They were the ones who sang my name all season; they were the ones who voted me their Player of the Year. You can't fool the punters - they are the best

judges. "If I'd had a bad year I would be the first one to hold up my hands and admit it.

But, unlike the Mickey Thomas of old, the mature version of the man they couldn't tame is not

about to rant and rave. He would have done a few years ago but now he says: "I've calmed down a lot since the days when I used to walk out on clubs. I've learned to accept these sort

Of course, I was disappointed to be given a free - and more

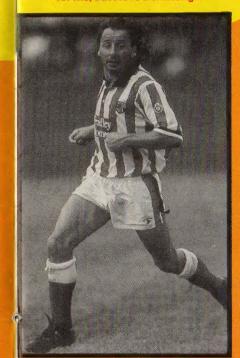
Kevin Keegan and presented him with a pair of the former England star's shorts in a dramatic attempt to persuade the

youngster to sign.
"But my mind was made up,"
he says. "I wanted to go to the

And it's that sort of single-minded determination which has shot Shearer to the top. Having blasted 11 goals in nine Under-21 games, he's now got his sights set on a full cap.

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"I know I still have a lot of
work to do but if Graham Taylor
gives me a chance I know I won't
let him down," he says.
"I want a full cap as soon as
possible. It might be hard work

for me, but I love a challenge.



than a little surprised. I'm certainly not worrying about it though. I'm still confident of

Thomas, the much-travelled Welshman with 11 clubs under his belt, has been comforted by the number of offers he's received since being told by Stoke he was 'surplus to requirements'.

He's been weighing up the options and would still consider staying on at the Victoria Ground when a new manager is appointed.

"I'm coming up to 37 but still feel as fit and strong as I have done for years," he says. "I've always been a fit lad and I reckon I can go on playing until I'm 40.

The Men of the Moment

All the 1990/91 Players of the Year DIVISION ONE

Arsenal:	Tony Adams
Aston Villa:	
Chelsea:	Andy Townsend
Coventry:	Kevin Gallacher
C.Palace:	Geoff Thomas
Everton:	To be announced
Leeds:	David Batty
Liverpool:	none awarded
Luton:	Alec Chamberlain
Man. City:	
Man. United:	Mark Hughes
Norwich:	lan Culverhouse
Nottm Forest:	To be announced
Notts County:	
Oldham:	
QPR:	Roy Wegerle
Sheff. Utd:	
Sheff. Wed:	
Southampton:	
Spurs:	
West Ham:	
Wimbledon:	Warren Barton

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley:	Brendan O'Connell
Blackburn:	
Brighton:	
Bristol City:	Andy Llewellyn
Bristol Rovers:	
Cambridge:	
Charlton:	Robert Lee
Derby:	Dean Saunders
Grimsby:	Dave Gilbert
lpswich:	David Linighan
Leicester:	Tony James
Middlesbrough:	lan Baird
Millwall:	Teddy Sheringham
Newcastle:	
Oxford:	Jim Magilton
Plymouth:	Kenny Brown
Portsmouth:	Martin Kuhl
Port Vale:	
Southend:	
Sunderland:	
Swindon:	
Tranmere:	
Watford:	
Wolves:	To be announced





DIVISION THREE Birmingham: To be announced Bolton: Tony Philliskirk

ournemouth:	Sean Teale
	Gavin Oliver
	Graham Benstead
ITV:	David Lee
	Chris Lightfoot
	Mick Tait
eter:	Kevin Miller
	Stacey North
	Graham Mitchell
	Andy Payton
	Paul Heald
	Phil Crosby
artlepool:	Brian Honour
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rewsbury:	Mike Heathcote
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	Pete Atherton

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	DIVISION FOUR
Aldershot:	Kevan Brown
Barnet:	Gary Bull
Blackpool:	lan Gore
Burnley:	Steve Davis
Cardiff:	Jason Perry
Carlisle:	Paul Proudlock
Chesterfie	ld: Mick Leonard
Crewe:	Neil Lennon
Doncaster	Colin Douglas
Gillingham	:Harvey Lim
Halifax:	Steve Norris
Hereford:	Russell Bradley
Lincoln:	Graham Bressington
Maidstone	Tony Sorrell
Mansfield:	Wayne Fairclough
Northamp	ton:Phil Chard
Rochdale:	Keith Welch
Rotherhan	Ronnie Robinson
Scarborou	gh: lan Ironside
Scunthorp	e: Stuart Hicks Charlie Ntamark
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wrexham:	Stephen Tutill
YOPK:	Stephen rutin





SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen:	Jim Bett
Airdrie:	Alan Lawrence
Celtic:	Paul Elliott
Dundee Utd:	Maurice Malpas
Dunfermline:	Andy Rhodes
Falkirk:	Simon Stainrod
Hearts:	Davie McPherson
Hibs:	Andy Goram
Motherwell:	Ally Maxwell
Rangers:	Unavailable
St. Johnstone:	
St. Mirren:	Campbell Money



KEIR RADNEDGE GOES



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(Portugal)

Estadio do Benfica hampionships: 28 (record) ups: 21 (record) uropean Cup: 1961, 1962 nners-up 1963, 1965, 68, 1988,





Above: Benfica celebrate another

championship. Right: Coach Sven Eriksson Below: The club's trophy room.

ENFICA may not

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ave won the

nearly 30 years but they

will be back among the

favourites next season

But first they must win another battle – to keep their coach and star midfielder.

Eriksson was the mastermind

behind the campaign which

Lisbon and FC Porto. But Eriksson is high on the wanted list of newly-crowned UEFA Cup holders Inter Milan.

Benfica's midfield general, is Brazil's Valdo. He nearly

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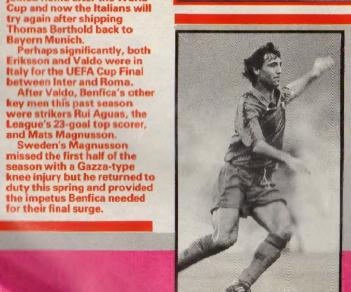
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Portuguese title.





Nice work.

Injured Hristo Stoichkov may have missed the Cup-Winners' **Cup Final defeat by** Manchester United, but Barcelona haven't forgotten the goals which got them there - or lifted them to the Spanish League title. The Bulgarian striker (left) has had his annual salary increased from 185,000 to 500,000.

MATTHAUS ON THE MOVE

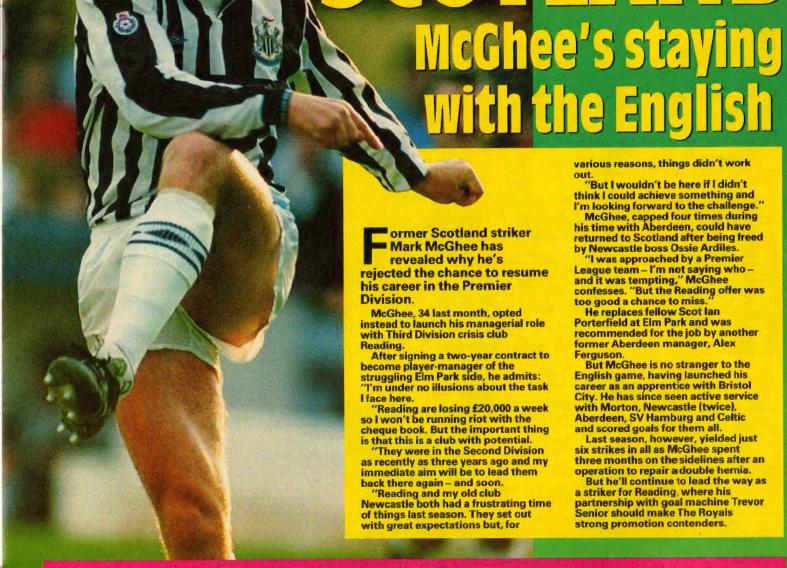
LOTHAR MATTHAUS, West Germany's World Cup winning captain, says he's played his last game for Inter Milan. Matthaus (above) appears bound for a £2.5 million contract with Real Madrid, negotiated with the help of Gunter Netzer, the former German and Real ace.

lustria's Admira Wacker. nanager of Iceland's national team and then Turkey's Galatasaray.



you can get it

Sampdoria are in the money after winning their first Italian title. Gianluca Vialli (above), Roberto Mancini and the rest of the team have picked up 230,000 each for their season's efforts.



various reasons, things didn't work

out.
"But I wouldn't be here if I didn't think I could achieve something and I'm looking forward to the challenge.

McGhee, capped four times during his time with Aberdeen, could have returned to Scotland after being freed by Newcastle boss Ossie Ardiles.

"I was approached by a Premier League team – I'm not saying who – and it was tempting," McGhee confesses. "But the Reading offer was too good a chance to miss.

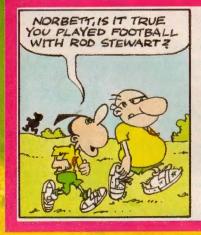
He replaces fellow Scot lan Porterfield at Elm Park and was recommended for the job by another former Aberdeen manager, Alex Ferguson.

But McGhee is no stranger to the English game, having launched his career as an apprentice with Bristol City. He has since seen active service with Morton, Newcastle (twice), Aberdeen, SV Hamburg and Celtic and scored goals for them all.

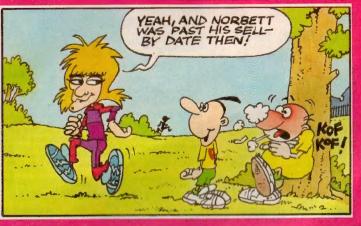
Last season, however, yielded just six strikes in all as McGhee spent three months on the sidelines after an operation to repair a double hernia.

But he'll continue to lead the way as a striker for Reading, where his partnership with goal machine Trevor Senior should make The Royals strong promotion contenders.

MUGGINS UNITED THE WORST TEAM







Wednesday, May 15

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS CUP FINAL

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 2 Hughes

BARCELONA (0) 1 Koeman (80) Att 50,000 (in Rotterdam)
Manchester United: Sealey 6, Inwin 6,
Blackmore 7, Bruce 7, Phelan 7,
Pallister 8, ROBSOM 9, Ince 8, McClair 6, Hughes 8, Sharpe 7 Subs not used: Walsh, Donaghy, Webb, Robins, Walace

Walsh, Dones,
Wallace
Booked Robson
Barcelona: Busquets 6, Nando 6,
Alexanco 6 (Prinila 72), Koeman 8,
Ferrer 5, Bakero 6, Gotocechea 5,
EUSEBIO 8, Salmas 7, Laudrup 5,
Quayinstain 5, Subs not used. Anjoy,
Merrera Nando (84, professional foul) Referee B Karisson (Sweden) 8
SHOOT Rating: ****
News Note: United's first European

Saturday, May 18

FA CUP FINAL

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 Pearce (15) TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (0) 2 Stewart (54) Walker (93og) (After extra-time, score after 90

TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 3 Bowman (55) J D'Neil (67) Jackson (90) MOTHERWELL (1) 4 Ferguson (32) D'Donnell (58) Angus (65) Kirk (94) After extra time; score after 90

Ferguson 6 (C'Nerl 45), JACKSON 7 Motherwett. Maxwell 8, Nijholt 7, Boyd 7, GRIFFIN 9, Paterson 7, McCart 7, Arnott 7, Angus 7, Ferguson 7 (Kirk 62), O'DONNELL 8, Cooper 7 (O'Neill 118) Referee D Syme (Rutherglen) 9 SHOOT Rating: *****

Senday, May 19

BANCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY OFFS

Semi-Finals, 1st-leg

DIVISION TWO

BRIGHTON (1) 4 Barham (40) Small (53) Walker (55) Codner (60) MILLWALL (1) 1 Stephenson (14)

Att 15,390
Brighton: Digweed 7, Chivers 7, Gatting 7, Wilkins 7, Pates 8, Bissett 7, Barham 7, Iovan 7, SMALL 9, Codner 8, Walker 7 (Robmson 65) Sub not used: Chapman Millwall: Horne 7, Stevens 7, Dawes 5, Waddock 6 (Briley 52 McCarthy 89), Thompson 6, McLeary 7, STEPHENSON 8 Goodman 6, Sheringham 6, Rae 6, Kerr 7

Referee K Hackett (Sheffield) 7 SHOOT Rating: ****

MIDDLESBROUGH (8) 1 Phillips (86) NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 Turner (2) An 22,343

Middleshrough: Dibble 7, Cooper 7 (Mustoe 54), KERNAGHAN 8, Coleman 7, Philhps 7, Ripley 7 (Mowbray 70), Phillips 7, Ripley 7 (Mowbray 70), roctor 6, Putney 5, Hendrie 7, Baird 6, looked: Cooper, Phillips, Coleman,

Baird
Motts County: Cherry 7, Chris Short 7,
Craig Short 7, O'RIORDAN 9, Paris 7,
Palmer 7, Draper 7, Harding 7 (Thomas
89), Turner 7, Regis 6, Johnson 7, Sub
not used Bartlett
Referee T Ward (London) 4
SHOOT Rating: ***

DIVISION THREE

BREWTFORD (1) 2 Evans (12) Godfrey

TRANMERE (9) 2 Cooper (52,72) Jones 7, Gayle 6 (Peters 66), Holdsworth 6, Blissett 7 (Godfrey 45),

Smille / Tranmere: Nixon 7, Higgins 7, Mungall 6 (Martindale 18), Irons 6, Hughes 6, VICKERS 8, Mornssey 6, Harvey 7, Steel 6, Cooper 6, Thomas 6. Sub not used:

Booked: Nexon, Thomas
Referee G Courtney (Spennymoor) 8
SHOOT Rating: ****

BURY (1) 1 Lee (42pen)
BOLTON (6) 1 Philliskirk (59pen)
Attr. 8,000
Bury: Kelly 7, Bishop 7, Stanislaus 7,
Robinson 7, Valentine 7, Greenhall 7,
LEE 8, Sherion 6, Hulme 6 (Mauge 64),
Parkinson 6, Kearney 6, Sub not used:

Parkinson 6, Kearney b. Jack.
Feeley
Booked: Valentine, Bishop, Hulme
Booked: Felgate 7, Brown 7, Cowdrall 6,
COMSTIVE 8 Seagraves 7, Stubbs 7
(Green 72), Storer 6, Thompson 7,
Cunningham 6, Philliskirk 6, Darby 7.
Sub not used: Reeves
Booked: Comstive
Referee. P Don (Hanworth Park,
Mudd'x 19 SHOOT Rating: ***

DIVISION FOUR

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 Lillis (77) BLACKPOOL (6) 1 Rodwell (57) Att 6,536 Scuntherpe: Musselwhite 7, Longden 7, Ullis 7, Hine 6 (Hamilton 67), Hicks 7, uster 6, Joyce 7, HILL 8, Daws 7, Tounders 6, Taylor 6 Sub not used:

Stevenson Sent-off: Lister (19, dissent) Blackpool: McIlhargey 6, Davies 7 Wright 6 Groves 7, BRIGGS 9, Gore 7, Rodwell 7, Horner 6, Taylor 7, Garner 7, Eyres 7 Subs not used. Sinclair, Lancaster. Lancaster Booked: Horner, Wright, Briggs, Davies Referee: D. Elleray (Harrow) 6 SHOOT Rating: ***

TORQUAY (1) 2 Edwards (5), Elliott (83) BURNLEY (0) 0

ed: Tynan oked. P.Holmes, Saunders, Elliott,

Joyce
Burnley: Pearce 6, Measham 7, Bray 7,
Hamilton 7, Pender 7, DAVIS 8, Farrell 7,
Deakin 6, Francis 6, Jakub 7, Eli 6
(Sonner 80) Sub not used: Grewcock
Booked Bray, Davis, Francis, Eli,
Casper (Manager) Casper (Manager) Referee: J. Martin (Alton) 7 SHOOT Rating: ***

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

NOANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 Ince (7) TOTTENHAM (0) 1 Hendry (52) ATT: 46,791

Manchester United: Bosnich 6, Irwin 6 (Donaghy 45), Blackmore 6, Bruce 7, Phelan 7, Pallister 5, ROBSON 8, Ince 7, McClair 7, Hughes 7, Wallace 5 (Robins

Tottenham: Thorstvedt 6, Edinburgh 6, Fenwick 6, Sedgley 5, Howells 5, Mabbutt 6 (Bergsson 52), Stewart 7, Walsn 7, SAMWAYS 8, Lineker 7 (Thomas 61), Hendry 7. Referee J Watson (Whitley Bay) 7 SHOOT Reting: **

Tuesday, May 21

ENGLAND CHALLENGE CUP

ENGLAND (2) 3 Smith 17, Platt (44pen,

USSR (1) 1 Wright (11og) Att. 23,789.
England: Woods 7, Stevens 6, Dorigo 6, Wise 6 (Batty 70) Parker 8, Wright 6, PLATT 9, Thomas 6, Smith 7, Wright 6 (Beardsley 70) Barnes 7. Subs not used Seaman, Dixon, Webb USSR: Uvarov 6, Chemishkov 6, KulkOV 9, Tseviba 6, Galiamin 6, Shalimov 7 (Korneyov 67), Mikhailichenko 6, Konchelskis 6, Kolyanov 6, Tararchuk 6 (Mostovoi 52), Kuznetsov 7, Subs not used: Cherchesov, Dobrovolsky, Tsimbalari Booked' Galiamin Cherchesov, Dobrovoisky, 1980 Booked' Galiamin Referee E Aladren (Spain) 6 SMOOT Rating: ***

Wednesday, May 22

BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

Semi-Finals, 2nd-leg

DIVISION TWO

MILLWALL (1) 1 McGinlay (16) BRIGHTON (6) 2 Codner (47), Robinson

Brighton win 6-2 on aggregate)

Millwall Horne 5, Stevens 5, Dawes 6, McGlashan 6, Thompson 7 McLeary 7, Stephenson 7, McGinlay 7, Sheringham 6, Rae 7, KERR 8, Subs not used

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 Harding (78) MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 (Notts County win 2-1 on aggrgate) Att 18,249

Notts County: Cherry 7, Palmer 6, Pans 7, Craig Short 7, Chris Short 7, O'Riordan 6, HARDING 9, Turner 6 (Thomas 76), Regis 7, Draper 8, Johnson 7 (Bartlett (S)

62)
Middlesbrough: Dibble 6, Kernaghan 6,
Phillips 5, Mowbray 6, Coleman 7,
Putney 7, Slaven 6 (Russell 81), Proctor
6, Baird 7, Mustoe 6, HENDRIE 8, Sub
not used Parkinson
Referee P Don (Middlesex) 7
SHOOT Rating: ****

DIVISION THREE

BOLTON (1) 1 Philliskirk (45) BURY (6) 0 (Botton win 2-1 on aggregate) Att. 19,198 Botton: Felgate 6, Brown 7, Cowdrill 7, Comstive 7, Seagraves 7, Stubbs 6, Storer 7, Thompson 7, Cunningham 7, PHILISKIRK B Darby 7 Subs not used: Reeves, Green

Reeves, Green Burry: KELLY 8, Bishop 6, Stanislaus 6, Robinson 7, Valentine 7, Greenhall 7, Lee 6, Sheron 6, Hulme 7, Parkinson 7, Kearney 6, Subs not used Mauge, Atkin Refereer D. R. Elleray (Harrow-on-the-Hall 7 SHOOT Rating: ****

TRANMERE (1) 1 Brennan (34) BRENTFORD (0) 0 (Tranmere win 3-2 on aggrgate) Att: 11,438

Aft* 11,438
Tranmare: Nixon 7, Higgins 7, Brannan 7, Irons 8, Hughes 8, Vickers 8, Morrissey 7 (Malkin 77), Martindale 7 (Garnett 73), STEEL 5, Cooper 7, Thomas 7

7 Brentferd: BENSTEAD 7, Ratcliffe 7, Bates 6, Millen 6, Evans 7, Rostron 6, Jones 7, Godfrey 6 (Gayle 70), Holdsworth 7, Blissett 6, Smille 7 Referee. K Hackett (Sheffield) 8 SHOOT Rating: ***

DIVISION FOUR

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 Eyres (55,66) SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 Hill (38)

Att: 1,596
Blackpool: McIlhargey 7, Davies 7, Wright 6, Groves 7, Briggs 7 (Sinclar 28), Gore 7, Rodwell 8, Horner 8, M Taylor 8, Garner 7, EYRES 9 Sub not used Lancaster
Scuntherpe: Musselwhite 6, Longden 7, Lilks 6, Hamilton 1, Hicks 6, Stevenson 6, Dyoce 6, Hills 6, Dawes 7, F.DUNDERS 8, K. Taylor 7 (Hine 73). Sub not used: Cowlina

Referee: G Courtney (Spennymoor) B SHOOT Rating: ***

BURNLEY (0) 1 Evans (90og) TORQUAY (0) 0 (Torquay win 2-1 on aggrgate) Att: 13,620 Att 13,620
Burnley: Pearce 7, Measham 6, Bray 7,
Deary 7, Pender 6 (Sonner 71), Davis 7,
Farrell 6, Futcher 7, Francis 7, Jakub 6,
ELI 8 Sub not used: Deakin
Torquay: Howells 7, Curran 7, P. Holmes
7, Saunders 7, Elhott 7 Joyce 7, MYERS
8, M Holmes 7, Evans 7, Edwards 6,
Loram 6 (Rowland 50), Sub not used:
Typan

Referee: A. Ward (London) 7 SHOOT Rating: ***

Saturday, May 25 ENGLAND CHALLENGE CUP

ENGLAND (1) 2 Lineker (14), Platt (50) ARGENTINA (0) 2 Garcia (65), Franco

44,497 England: Seaman 6, Dixon 6, Pearce 8, Batty 7, WALKER 8, Wright 5, Platt 7, Thomas 6, Smith 7, Lineker 8, Barnes 6 (Clough 63)

Argentina: Goycochea 7, Vazquez 6, Enrique 6, Basualdo 7, Gamboa 6, Ruggeri 6, Garcia 7, Franco 6, Simeone 6, Martellotro 7 (Mohammed 59), BOLDRINI 7

Booked: Garcia Referee: Z Petrovic (Yugoslavia) 6 SHOOT Rating: ** News Note: Draw was enough for England to win the England Challenge Cup.

Sunday, May 26

LEYLAND DAF CUP FINAL

BIRMINGHAM (2) 3 Sturridge (20) Gayle TRANMERE (0) 2 Cooper (60), Steel (68)

Att: 58,756

Birmingham: Thomas 7, Clarkson 7, Frain 7, Yates 7, Overson 7, Matthewson 7, Peer 6, GAYLE 9, Robinson 7, Peer 6, GENTLE 9, Robinson 7, Sturridge 8 (Bailey 63) Sub not used Hopkins Transeer: Nixon 7, Higgins 6, Brannan 6, McNab 7 (Malkin 58), MUGHES 8, Vickers 7 (Martindale 58), Morrissey 7, Irons 6, Steel 7, Cooper 7, Thomas 6 Reteree: J Martin (Alton) 7 SHOOT Rating: *****

Friday, May 31

BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS FOURTH DIVISION FINAL

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 Groves (7) Curran 69og) T**ORQUAY (2) 2** Saunders (29) Edwards (37pen) (After extra-time, Torquay win 5-4 on

penarties: Att 21,615 (at Wembley) Att 21,013 (at Welmoley)

Blackpool: McIlhargey 8, Davis 8
(Sinclair 104), Wright 7 Groves 7,
Horner 6, Gore 7, Bodwell 7, TAYLOR 9,
Bamber 6, Garner 7, Eyres 8. Sub not
used Richards
Tarquay: Howells 8, Curran 7, P Holmes
7, SAUNDERS 9 Elliott 7, Joyce 6,
Myers 7, M Holmes 8, Evans 7
(Rowland 114), Edwards 8 (Hall 87),
Loram 8

Referee 6 Courtney (Spennymoor) 6
SHOOT Rating: *****

News Note: Torquey gain promotion to Third Division for the first time in 19 years.

Soturday, June 1

INTERNATIONAL

AUSTRALIA (0) 0
ENGLAND (1) 1 Gray (400g)
Att 35,472 (in Sydney)
Australia Zabica 6, GRAY 8, Durakovic
5, Zehc 7, Tobin 6, T. Vidmar 7, Wade 6,
Petersen 5, Amold 6, Tapa 15 Brown
76), A. Vidmar 7. Subs not used: Lowe,
Marth, Blagojevic, Milosevic, Filan
England: W0002 9, Parker 6, Pearce 7,
Batty 6, Walker 6, M. Wright 6, Platt 7,
Thomas 6, Clough 5, Lineker 6 (Wise 81),
Hirst 6 (Salako 46), Subs not used:
Dorigo, Martyn, 1 Wright
Referee 8 Tasker (New Zealand) 7
SHOOT Rating: **
News Note: England's ninth game
without defeat enables Graham Taylor
to equal the record unbeaten stort as
manager that was set by Den Revie 17
years age.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS THIRD DIVISION FINAL

BOLTON (0) 0 TRANMERE (0) 1 Malkin (98) (After extra-time)
Att 30,217 [att Wernbley)
Behton: Felgate 7, Brown 7, Cowdrill 7,
Comstwe 7, Seagraves 7, Stubbs 7,
Storer 6 (Green 99), TMOMPSON 8,
Cunningham 5 (Reeves 67), Philliskirk 6,

Darby 6 Tranmere: Nixon 7, Higgins 7, Brannan 7, Irons 7, Hughes 7, Garnett 7, MORRISSEY 8, Martindale 7 (Harvey 74), Steel 5 (Malkin 14), Cooper 6,

Booked Malkin
Referee K Hackett (Sheffield) 6
SHOOT Rating: ***
News Note. Transere promoted to
Second Division for the first time in 52

Sunday, June 2 BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS SECOND DIVISION FINAL

BRIGHTON (0) 1 Wilkins (90) NOTTS COUNTY (1) 3 Johnson (30,60) Regrs (70) Att 59,940 (at Wembley) Brighton: Digweed 6, Chivers 6, Gatting Brighton: Digweed 6, Chivers 6, Gatting 5 (Byrne 62), Wilkins 7, Bissett 6, Pates 5 (Byrne 62), Wilkins 7, Bissett 6, Pates 5 (Byrne 62), Wilkins 7, Bissett 6, Pates 6, Barham 6, Iovan 5 (Chapman 62), Small 6, Codner 5, **WALKER 8**

Small6, Codner 5, WALKER 8
Booked Small, Chvers
Notts County: Cherry 7 Palmer 6, Paris
6, Craig Short 7, Yates 7, O'Riordan 7,
Thomas 7, Turner 8, Regus 7 (Bartlett
88), Draper 7 (Harding 81), JOHNSON 9
Booked Thomas
Referee D Elleray (Harrow) 6
SHOOTR Atting: ***
News Note: County win play-offs for
second successive season and gain
promotion to the First Division after an
absence of seven years.

Monday, June 3 INTERNATIONAL

NEW ZEALAND (0) 0 ENGLAND (0) 1 Lineker (90) Att 17,250 (in Auckland) New Zealand: Gosling 7, Ridenton 6, Gray 7 Dunford 7, Evans 7, ronside 6, McGarry 6, Haltigan 6, EDGE 8, De Jong 6 Ferrys 6

6 Ferris 5
England: Woods, 6, Parker 6, PEARCE 8,
Batty 6 (Deane 45), Walker 7, Barrett 5,
Platt 6, Thomas 6, Wise 5, Lineker 6,
Walters 5 (Salako 70), Subs not used:
Coton Charles, Wright
Referee 0 Voutsinas (Australia) 7
SHOOT Rating: **

Wednesday, June 5 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 5 WALES (0) 1 Rush (66) GERMANY (0) 0

GERMANY (0) 0
Art 38,000
Wales: SOUTHALL 10, Phillips 7, Bodin 8, Azlewood 7 Melville 7, Ratcliffe 7, Nicholas 7, Saunders 8 (Speed 89), Rush 9, Hughes 8, Horne 7. Booked, Nicholas Germany: Illgner 7, Reuter 7, Brehme 7, Khien 7, Berkhold 6, Buchwald 7, Hellmer 6, Sammer 7 (Effenberg), VOLLER 8, Matthaus 7 (Doll 45), Klinsmann 6

Klinsmann 6 Sent-off: Berthold (60, kicking Ratcliffe) Referee B Karlsson (Sweden) 8 SHOOT Rating: ****



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EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS CUP FINAL

MANCHESTER UNITED (6) 2 Hughes

BARCELONA (0) 1 Koeman (80) Manchester United: Sealey 6, Irwin 6, Blackmore 7, Bruce 7, Phelan 7, Pellister 8, ROBSON 9, Ince 8, McClair 6, Hughes 8, Sharpe 7, Subs not used: Walsh, Donaghy, Webb, Robins, Walsh, Co.

Wallace
Booked. Robson
Barcelona: Busquets 6, Nando 6,
Alexanco 6 (Pinille 72), Koeman 6,
Ferrer 5, Bakero 6, Goicocelne 5,
EUSEBIO 8, Salnas 7, Laudrup 5,
Beguiristam 5, Subs not used: Anjoy,
Soler, Sema, Herrera
Sent-off: Nando (84, professional foul)
Booked: Bakero

Booked' Bakero Referee: B. Karlsson (Sweden) 8 SHOOT Rating: ***** News Note: United's first European trophy for 23 years.

Saturday, May 18

FA CUP FINAL

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 Pearce (15) TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (0) 2 Stewart 54) Walker (93og) After extra-time, score after 90

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 3 Bowman (55) J O'Neil (67) Jackson (90) MOTHERWELL (1) 4 Ferguson (32) O'Donnell (58) Angus (65) Kirk (94) (After extra-time; score after 90

Ferguson 6 (O'Neil 45), JACKSON 7 Metherwell: Maxwell 8, Nijholt 7, Boyd J. GRIFFIN 9, Paterson 7, McCart 7, Arrott 7, Angus 7 Ferguson 7 K(irk 62), O'DONNELL 8, Cooper 7 (O'Neill 118) Bookert Mathetooper 7

Sunday, May 19

BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

Semi-Finals, 1st-leg

DIVISION TWO

BBB2+F000 (1) 4 Hartines (40) Smail (53)

RRIGHTON (1) 4 hartem (40) Small (53) Waker (55) Codner (60)
MILLWALL (1) 1 Stephenson (14) Att 15,390
Brighton: Digweed 7, Chivers 7, Getting 7 Wilkms 7, Pates 8, Baseett 7, Barham 7 Iovan 7, SMALL 9, Codner 8, Walker 7 Robinson 65) Sub not used Chapmen Millwalt: Horne 7, Stevens 7, Dawes 5, Waddock 6 (Briley 52 - McCarthy 89) Thompson 6, McLeary 7, STEPHENSON 6 Goodman 6, Sheringham 6, Rae 6, Kerl 7

MIDDLES MAOUGH (0) 1 Phillips (96) NO ITS COUNTY (1) 1 Turner (2) An - 72 - 431

Middlesbrough: Dibble 7, Cooper 7 (Mustoe 54), KERNAGHAN 6, Coleman 7, Philips 7, Ripley 7 (Mowbray 70), Proctor 6, Putney 5, Hendrie 7, Baird 6, Slaven 5 Booked: Cooper, Phillips, Coleman,

Baird
Nots County: Cherry 7, Chris Short 7,
Craig Short 7, O'RIORDAN 9, Paris 7,
Palmer 7, Draper 7, Harding 7 (Thomas
89), Turner 7, Regis 6, Johnson 7. Sub
not used: Bartlett
Referee: T. Ward (London) 4
SHOOT Reting: ***

DIVISION THREE BRENTFORD (1) 2 Evans (12) Godfrey

TRANMERE (0) 2 Cooper (52,72)

Art 9,330 Bates 7, Millen 6, EVANS 8, Rostron 6, Jones 7, Gayle 6 (Peters 66), Holdsworth 6, Blissett 7 (Godfrey 45),

omine / Transere: Nixon 7, Higgins 7, Mungall 6 Martindale 18), Irons 6, Hughes 6, VICKERS 8, Mornssey 6, Harvey 7, Steel 9, Cooper 8, Thomas 6. Sub not used:

Malkin Booked Nixon, Thomas Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor) 8 SMOOT Rating: ****

BURY (1) 1 Lee (42pen) BOLTON (0) 1 Philliskirk (59pen) Att 8,000 Bury: Kelly 7, Bishop 7, Stanislaus 7, Robinson 7, Valentine 7, Greenhall 7, LEE 8, Sheron 6, Hulme 6 (Mauge 64), Parkinson 6, Kearney 6. Sub not used: Feeley

Feeley
Booked Valentine, Bishop, Hulme
Bottos: Felgate 7, Brown 7, Cowdrill 6,
COMSTIVE 8, Seagraves 7, Stubbs 7
(Green 72), Storer 6, Thompson 7,
Cunningham 6, Philliskirk 6, Darby 7.
Sub not used: Reeves Booked Comstive Referee: P. Don (Hanworth Park, Midd's.) 9

DIVISION FOUR

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 Lillis (77) BLACKPOOL (0) 1 Rodwell (57)

Stevenson Sent-off Lister (19, dissent) Blackpool: McIlhargey 6, Davies 7, Wright 6, Groves 7, BRIGGS B, Gore 7, Rodwell 7, Horner 6, Taylor 7, Gamer 7 Eyres 7 Subs not used: Sinclair, Lancaster

Lancaster Booked: Homer, Wright, Briggs, Davies Referee: D. Elleray (Harrow) 6 SHOOT Rating: ***

TORQUAY (1) 2 Edwards (5), Elliott (83)

Att: 5,600
Torquay: Howells 8, Curran 8, P.Holmes 8, SAUNDERS 9, Elliott 8, Joyce 6, Myers 6, M.Holmes 6 (Rowland 85), Evans 6, Edwards 7, Loram 7. Sub not ised: Tynan Booked: P.Holmes, Saunders, Elliott,

Joyce
Burnley: Pearce 6, Measham 7, Bray 7,
Hamilton 7, Pender 7, DAVIS 8, Farrell 7,
Deakin 6, Francis 6, Jakub 7, Eli 6
(Sonner 80). Sub not used Grewcock
Booked: Bray, Davis, Francis, Eli,
Casper (Manager)
Referee: 2, Martin (Alton) 7
SHOOT Rating: ***

Monday, May 20

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

MANCHESTER LIMITED (1) 1 loce (7) EDTTEMBAR (0)1 Hondry (52) ATT 46,791 Maschester United Bosnich 6, Irwin 6 (Donaghy 45), Blackmore 6, Bruce 7, Pholan 7, Pallister 5, MOSSOMB, Inco 7, McClair 7, Hughes 7, Wellace 5 (Robins 71)

71)
Testenham: Thorstvedt 6, Edirburgh 8,
Fenwick 6, Sedgley 5, Howells 5,
Mabbust 6 (Bergsson 52), Stewart 7,
Walsh 7, SAMWAYS 8, Lineker 7
(Thomas GI), Hendry 7
Referee: J Watson (Whitley Bay) 7
SHOOT Reting: **

Tuesday, May 21

ENGLAND SHALLENGE GUI

ENGLAND (2) 3 Smith 17, Platt (44oan

USSR (1) 1 Wright (11ng) Att. 23,789.
England: Woods 7, Stevens 6, Dongo 6,
Wrse 6 (Batty 70) Parker 8, Wright 6,
PLATT 9, Thomas 6, Smith 7, Wright 6
(Beardsley 70) Barnes 7. Subs not used:
Seaman, Duton, Webb
USSR: Uvarov 6. Chernishkov 6,
KULKOV 8, Tseviba 6, Galiamin 6,
Shalmov 7 (Korneyov 67),
Mikhailichenko 6, Konchelskis 6,
Kolyanov 6, Tararchub 6 (Mostovoi 52),
Kuznetsov 7. Subs not used
Cherchesov, Dobrovelsky, Tsimbalan
Booked: Galiamin
Referoe E. Aladren (Spain) 6
SHOOT Rating: ***

BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

Semi-Finals, 2nd-leg

DIVISION TWO

MILLWALL (1) 1 McGinlay (16) BRIGHTON (8) 2 Codner (47), Robinson

(Brighton win 6-2 on aggregate) Att: 17,370 Millwall: Herne 5, Stevens 5, Dawes 6, McGlashen 6, Thompson 7, McLeary 7, Stephenson 7, McGinlay 7, Sheringham 6, Rae 7, KERR 8, Subs not used:

Booked Rae Brighton: Digweed 7, Chwers 7, Gatting 7, Wilkins 8, Pates 7, BISSETT 9, Barham 7 (Chapman 72), Iovan 7, Small 8, Codner 7, Nelson 7 (Robinson 68). Referee: J. Martin (Alton, Hanis) 8 SHOOT Rating ***

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 Harding (78)
MITHELES RECOVER (6) 0
(Notts County win 2-1 on aggrgate)
Att. 18.249

Att. 16,249
Notts County: Cherry 7, Palmer 6, Paris
7, Craig Short 7, Chris Short 7, O'Riordan
6, HARDING 9, Turner 6 (Thomas 76),
Regis 7, Draper 8, Johnson 7 (Bartlett

62)
Middlesbrough: Dibble 6, Kernaghan 6,
Phillips 5, Mowbray 6, Coleman 7,
Putney 7, Staven 6 (Russell 81), Proctor
6, Bard 7, Wustoe 6, MENDRIE 8, Sub
not used Parkmson
Referee: P. Don (Middlesex) 7
SMOOT Rating: ****

DIVISION THREE

BOLTON (1) 1 Philiskuk (45) BURY (0) 0 (Bolton win 2-1 on aggregate) Att: 19,198 Belten: Felgate 8, Brown 7, Cowdrill 7, Comstive 7, Seagraves 7, Stubbs 6, Storer 7, Thompson 7, Cunningham 7, PHILLISKIRK 8, Carby 7. Subs not used: Repress Green Reeves, Green Bury: KELLY I, Bishop 6, Stanislaus 6, Robinson 7, Valentine 7, Greenhall 7, Lee 6, Sheros 6, Hulme 7, Parkinson 7, Kearney 6, Subs not used: Mauge, Atkin Referee: D. R. Elleray (Harrow-on-the-

SHOOT Rating: ****

FRANMERE (1) 1 Brennan (34)
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7 Brentierd: BENSTEAD 7, Ratcliffe 7, Bates 6, Millen 6, Evans 7, Rostron 6, Jones 7, God reps (Gayle 70), Holldsworth 7 Blinsett 6, Smille 7 Referse K Hickett (Sheffield) 8 SHOOT Ratsey: ***

BLACKPOOL (0) / £yres (55,66) SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 Hill (38) (Blackpool win 3/2 on aggregate)

Att: 7,596 Blackpool: McIthargey 7, Davies 7, Wright 6, Groves 7, Briggs 7 (Sinclair 28), Gora 7, Rodwell 8, Horner 6, Taylor 8, Garner 7, EYRES 9. Sub not used: Jancester.

used: Lancaster
Scuntherpe: Musselwhite 6, Longden 7,
Lillis 6, Hamilton 7, Hicks 6, Stevenson 6,
Joyce 6, Hill 6, Dawes 7, FLOUNDERS 8,
K. Taylor 7 (Hine 73). Sub not used:

BURNLEY (0) 1 Evans (90og) TORQUAY (0) 8 (Torquay win 2-1 on aggrgate) Att: 13,620

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Burnley: Pearce 7, Measham 6, Bray 7,
Deary 7, Pender 6 (Sonner 71), Davis 7,
Farrelt 6, Futcher 7, Francis 7, Jakub 6,
ELJ 6. Sub not used: Deakin
Torquay: Howells 7, Curran 7, P. Holmes
7, Saunders 7, Ethor 7, Joyce 7, MYERS
8, M. Holmes 7, Evans 7, Edwards 6,
Loram 6 (Rowland 50). Sub not used: Referee: A. Ward (London) 7 SHOOT Rating: ***

Saturday, May 25

ENGLAND CHALLENGE DUT

ENGLAND (1) 2 Lineker (14), Platt (50) ARGENTINA (0) 2 Garcia (65), Franco

England: Seaman 6, Dixon 6, Pearce 8, Batty 7, WALKER 8, Wright 5, Platt 7, Thomas 6, Smith 7, Lineker 8, Barnes 6 (Clough 63)

Booked: Garcia Referee: Z Petrovic (Yugoslavia) 6 SHOOT Reting: ** News Note: Draw was enough for England to win the England Challenge Cup.

Sonday, May 26

LEYLAND DAF CUP FINAL

BIRMINGHAM (2) 3 Sturridge (20) Gayle

(39,84)
TRANMERE (0) 2 Cooper (80), Steel (68)
Att: 58,756
Birmingham: Thomas 7, Clarkson 7,
Frain 7, Yates 7, Overson 7, Matthewson 7,
Fleephorn 7, Sturndge 8 (Bailey 63) Sub
not used* Hopkins
Tranmers: Nixon 7, Higgins 6, Brannan
6, McNab 7 (Malkin 58), HUGHES 8,
Vickers 7 (Matrindale 58), Morrissey 7,
Irons 6, Steel 7, Cooper 7, Thomas 6
Referee: J Martin (Alton) 7
SHOOT Rating: *****

Friday, May 31

BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS FOURTH DIVISION FINAL

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 Groves (7) Curran TORQUAY (2) 2 Saunders (29) Edwards (After extra-time; Torquay win 5-4 on

Att: 21,615 (at Wembley) Stackpool: McIlhargey 8, Davis 8
[Sinclair 104], Wright 7, Groves 7,
Horner 6, Gore 7, Rodwell 7, TAYLOR 9,
Bamber 6, Garner 7, Eyres 8. Sub not
used: Richards
Torquey: Howells 8, Curran 7, P. Holmes
7, SAUNDERS 9, Elliott 7, Joyce 6,
Myers 7, M. Holmes 8, Eyans 7
(Rowland 114), Edwards 8 (Hall 87),
Loram 8.

Referee G Courtney (Spennymoor) 6
SHOOT Rating: *****

News Note: Torquey gain promotion to Third Division for the first time in 19

INTERNATIONAL

PLAY-OFFS THIRD DIVISION FINAL

Homas / Booked: Malkin Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield) 6 SHOOT Bating: ***** News Note: Transmere promoted to Second Division for the first time in 52

BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS SECOND DIVISION

Regis (70) Arti 59,940 (at Wembley) Brighton: Digweed 6, Chivers 6, Gatting 5 (Byrne 62), Wilkins 7, Bissett 6, Pates 6, Barham 6, Ioven 5 (Chapman 62), Small 6, Codner 5, WALKER 8 Booked, Small, Chivers

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Notts County: Cherry 7, Palmer 6, Paris
6, Craig Short 7, Yates 7, O'Rhordan 7,
Thomas 7, Turner 8, Regis 7 (Bardett
88), Orager 7 (Harding 81), JOHNSON 9
Booked: Thomas
Referee D Elleray (Harrow) 6
SHOOT Rating: ""
News Note: County win play-offs for
second successive season and gain
promotion to the First Division after an
absence of seven years.

INTERNATIONAL

NEW ZEALAND (0) 0 ENGLAND (0) 1 Lineker (90) Att: 17,250 (in Auckland) New Zealand: Gosling 7, Ridenton 6, Gray 7, Dunford 7, Evans 7, Ironside 6, McGarry 6, Halligan 6, EDGE 8, De Jong 6, Epris 6,

Wednesday, June 5 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 5

Klinsmann 6. Sent-off: Berthold (60, kicking Ratcliffe) Referee: B. Karlsson (Sweden) 8 SHOOT Rating: ****

AUSTRALIA (0) 0
ENGLAND (1) 1 Gray (400g)
Att: 35,472 (in Sydney)
Australia: Zabica 6, GRAY 8, Durakovic
5, Zelic 7, Tobin 6, T. Vidmar 7, Wade 6,
Petersen 5, Arnold 6, Tapai 5 (Brown
76), A. Vidmar 7. Subs not Issed: Lowe,
Marth, Biagojeuc, Milosevic, Filan
England: WODDS 9, Parker 6, Pearce 7.
Batty 6, Walker 6, M. Wright 6, Platt 7,
Thomas 6, Clough 5, Lineker 6 (Wise 81),
Hirst 6 (Salako 45). Subs not used:
Dorigo, Martyn, 1. Wright
Referee: B. Tasker (New Zealand) 7
SWOUT Rating:
News Note: England's ninth game
without defeat enables Graham Taylor
to equal the record withouten start as
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FINAL BRIGHTON (0) 1 Wilkins (90) NOTTS COUNTY (1) 3 Johnson (30,60)

Monday, June 3

6, Ferris S England: Woods, 6, Parker 6, PEARCE 8, Batty 6 (Deane 45), Walker 7, Barrett 5, Platt 6, Thomas 6, Wise 5, Lineker 6, Walters 5 (Salako 70). Subs not used: Coton, Charles, Wright Referee: D. Youtsinas (Australia) 7 SHOOT Rating: **

WALES (9) 1 Rush (66)
GERMANY (0) 0
Att: 38,000
Weles: SOUTHALL 10, Phillips 7, Bodin 8, Aufewood 7, Metville 7, Ratchife 7, Nicholas 7, Saunders 8 (Speed 89), Rush 9, Hughes 8, Horne 7,
Booked: Nicholas
Germany: Illgner 7, Reuter 7, Brehme 7,
Kohler 7, Berthold 6, Buchwald 7,
Helmer 6, Sammer 7 (Effenberg),
VOLLER 8, Mattheus 7 (Doll 45),
Klimsmann 6.

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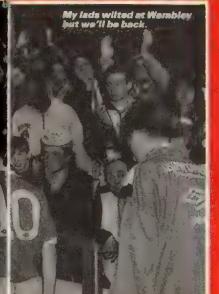
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beaten by Tottenham, he gave me a bit of a boost.

As you probably know, I'd fallen out with him over my allocation of 24 tickets for the

But as we sat together in the dressing-room he offered me 25 tickets for the replay. That was a

very nice thought.

Peop'e have asked me what went wrong against Tottenham and I don't really know apart from the fact that they came at us a little bit more aggressively than we anticipated.

But they wanted to win the Cup as well

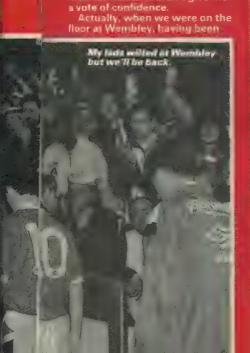
I knew as we were walking out that I might have a problem because our lads' faces were whiter than the Spurs shirts.

As I was striding out, hand in hand with Terry Venables, I knew that I could handle my Tottenham counterpart, but I wasn't so sure about one or two

behind me.

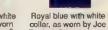
At the end of a long, hard season, it could have been fatigue, fright or just the occasion. It is a bit awe inspiring for youngsters coming out of that tunnel on FA Cup Final day.
But our lads will have learned more from the experience than I can possibly teach them. They are young enough and I hope good enough to come again.

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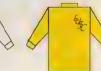
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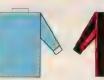








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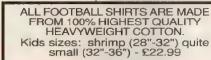






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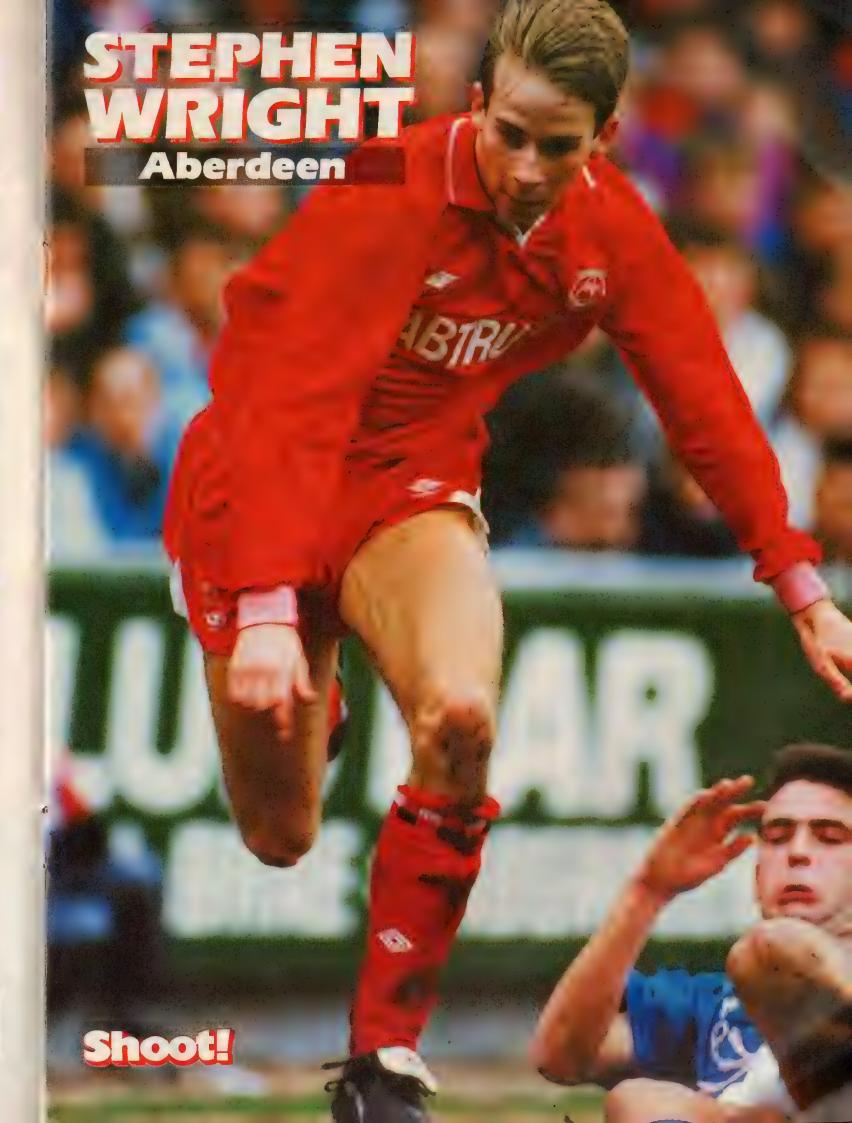
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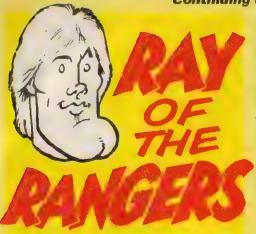
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Cup in 1985

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aster tactician **Howard Kendall** can put his finger on a shameful secret behind the farcical performance put up by Red Star Belgrade in the **European Cup Final.**

The Everton boss insists inancial greed was the culprit and claims the Yugoslavs were all playing for themselves in an attempt to impress big-time scouts from Spain and Italy.

But he reckons the game was a

major morale booster for the four English clubs heading into

English clubs heading into
Europe next season.
Arsenal, Spurs, Manchester
United and Liverpool all have
"nothing to fear" believes
Kendall, whose last crack at
Europe ended in Everton lifting
the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1985.
Looking back to Red Star's
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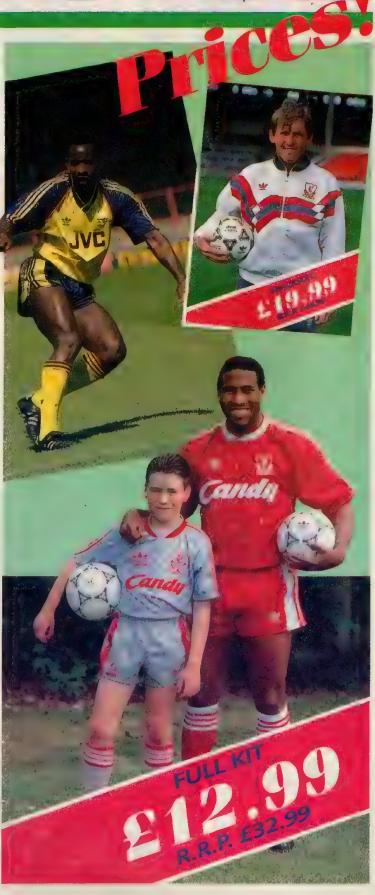
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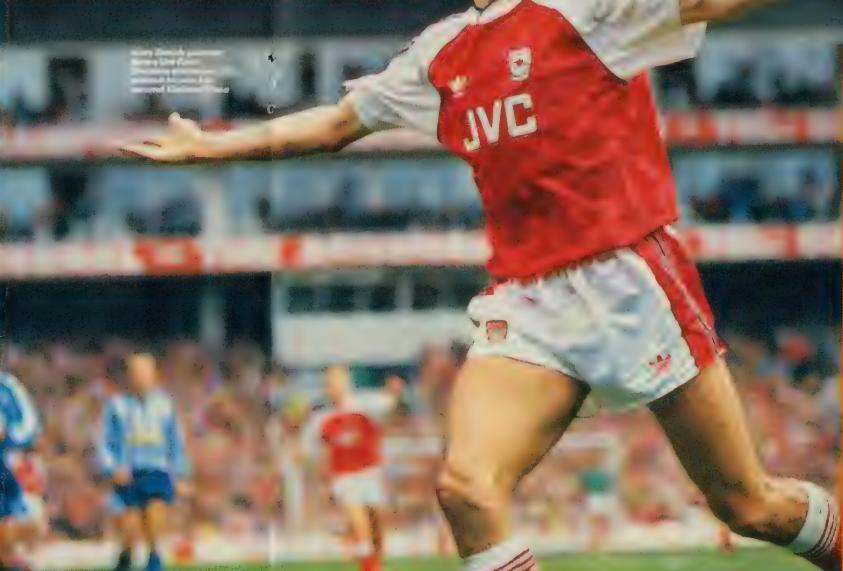
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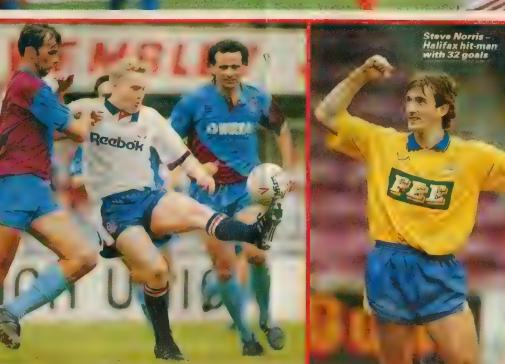
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BLUES REVOLT

irmingham's cash conscious chairman Samesh Kumar is facing a players revolt in the wake of their Leyland Daf Cup

Five of the Wembley side have already rejected new deals, while another four are set to follow their lead.

Striker Simon Sturridge, who scored one of Birmingham's goals at Wembley, says: "They sent me a letter with the offer of new terms and the stamp was almost

"I haven't asked for big money but after the service I've given to the club I don't expect to be treated like this. It's a

Mountfield Wants More

ston Villa's experienced central defender Derek A ston Villa's experienced central delicates

Mountfield is set to leave Villa Park this summer after failing to agree terms for a new contract. The 28-year-old former Everton defender (left) is

unhappy with the final offer Villa made him. He says: "I'm not being greedy, but feel I deserve

more than they have offered." Meanwhile, Jo Venglos is set to stay on Villa's pay roll despite no longer being the club's manager.

Chairman Doug Ellis wants Venglos to become the club's technical adviser abroad, recommending foreign players that Villa might want to sign.

HURDY GURDY MAN

ere's a good reason to avoid the European Championship in Sweden next year... the theme music for EURO 92 has been written by Benny Andersson, the little fat bloke with the beard from

"I love football and it feels very inspiring to compose the theme musick (sic) to the European Championship," he tells UEFA News this

I don't know about you, but I can hardly wait to hear his efforts



TOMMY TYNAN has parted company with newly promoted Torquay after a fight with captain Wes Saunders, who has received a severe reprimand from the club. Tynan (above), 35, is the Football League's leading scorer with 310 goals during a 19-year career but says: "I bitterly regret what has happened as this is probably the end of my career.

BARNET BLOW

Barnet's celebrations at their overdue promotion to the Football League have been soured by the shock death of striker Kevin Durham. The 29-year-old goalscorer, suffered a heart attack while on holiday in

Former Middlesbrough and Leyton Orient winger Alan Comfort plans to enter the church.

The born-again Christian hopes to join a Durham parish as a curate, after a three-year training course at Cambridge.

The career of 26-year-old Comfort was tragically cut short by a knee injury sustained in a Newcastle-Middlesbrough match soon after he joined the Ayresome Park club.

"My Christian faith helped pull me through a very trying time,' says Comfort.

SCOTTISH Cup holders Motherwell are ready to sign 22-year-old Dutch midfield man bert Maaskant from FC Essen Manager Tommy McLean has £800,000 to boost his squad for next season's European campaign following the recent sale of Tommy Boyd.



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THANKS!

Who says footballers don't have time for their fans? Well, here's a picture and story to prove that they

Liverpool stars Ian Rush and Steve Nicol are pictured with 14-year-old Neville Graham, of Ashbourne in Eire, after The Reds beat Derby at Anfield last season.

Neville's mother Deirdre says: "Ian and Steve were brilliant. They had a long chat with Neville and when

my camera wouldn't work, they waited while I went to

Thanks again lan and Steve for making our weekend in Liverpool so special.

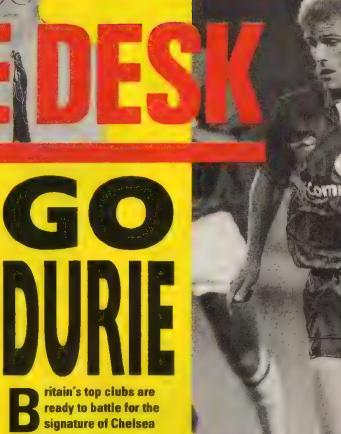












striker Gordon Durie.

The Scottish international is set to leave Stamford Bridge during the close season and that will spark a massive chase for his signature.

The 25-year-old still has three vears left on his contract but admits: "Perhaps I've been at Chelsea too long.

"I need to get something sorted out in the summer and I don't really know where I'll be next season. I'll just have to wait and see what happens over the next few weeks."

Scottish Champions Rangers have been tracking Durie for months, but Aberdeen may also join the chase if, as expected,

WHAT a difference a year makes. Last summer Montrose were licking their wounds after finishing second from bottom in the Scottish League. This summer, they are celebrating promotion to Division One.

The difference could be Bryan Keith, the club's chairman, who took over the reins last summer and is now hoping to establish the club for a much brighter future.

He says: "Our immediate aim is to become an established First Division side. Money will be available to strengthen the side but it's unrealistic to consider full-time football at Montrose with average gates of only 700.

"But I won't tolerate any negative thoughts. We surprised many people last season and l hope we will do so again next



interest South of the border in the £2 million rated hit-man.

Liverpool manager Graeme Souness was the man who was originally keen on Durie during his time at Rangers, and he would still like to sign him.

And both Manchester clubs are on the look-out for new players, **Durie on their list of targets.**

Local hero

Darlington's new boss Frank Gray is hoping to do his best to ease the area's unemployment problem.

He has decided to turn to

the public to fill the position of youth team coach at Feethams. The job was made available by Tony McAndrew's promotion to assistant manager.

Gray says: "I am open to suggestions. I'll look seriously at all applications. The right person doesn't have to be an ex-professional, just someone who is prepared to work hard coaching the young players."



Former Liverpoot star Jim Beglin has been forced to retire at the age of 27.

bad leg injury while playing for Liverpool against Everton in January 1987, and never fully recovered although he spent time with both Leeds and Blackburn.

Glynn's Boston Bonus

Galway United striker Johnny Glynn – who scored the winning goal in the FAI Cup Final last month - got a shock when he called into the Republic of Ireland's hotel in America recently.

Glynn was on holiday in Boston and popped into the team's hotel to try to get Jack Charlton and some of his squad to visit his uncle's pub in the area.

Charlton recognised the tall striker and promptly called him into the squad in place of Niall

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Scott's 'no' to Scots

N ewcastle reserve striker Scott Sloan has turned do newly promoted Falkirk to try to prove himself with his hometown castle reserve striker Scott Sloan has turned down a move to

Falkirk were keen to sign the pacy forward but Sloan, who has been put on a year's trial by Ossie Ardiles, wants to stay put
He says: "It's nice to see your name linked with other clubs, but I feel

I can prove to Ossie I'm good enough to stay." ONE player who won't be idle this summer is Hibernian 'keeper Andy

Goram is swapping his goalkeeping gloves for batting gloves to help Scotland's cricketers take on the might of the West Indies. Viv Richards beware!



GILLINGHAM



The Gills can look back on a disappointing season with some consolation - notably the emergence of a crop of young talent. Towards the end of the

term they fielded no fewer than four teenagers, two of which, Joe Dunne and Peter Beadle, have already attracted the attention of top clubs.

Unfortunately both encountered knee injury problems, typical of the bad luck the club endured last season.

"We have some very promising youngsters available and now we have to ensure that we draft in some experienced players," says manager Damien Richardson.

"Some of our performances last season were superbsome were plain awful."



fine for a club record



ew manager Jim Smith will be hoping to bring First Division football to Portsmouth for the first time in four years.

Since being relegated in 1987, Portsmouth have failed to make an impression in Division Two and as a result three managers have been axed in as many seasons.

But Smith is no stranger to the pressures of management, having spent two turbulent seasons at Newcastle.

Pompey's success next season could depend on Smith persuading star striker Guy Whittingham to ignore the overtures being made by a number of top clubs.

The former army recruit has been the club's top scorer for the last two seasons and Smith would struggle to replace a player with the sort of consistency the team in general has lacked in recent years.





BRITISH BRIGHTON



The Seagulls are still furious about a referee's decision they claim cost them a million pound return to the First Division.

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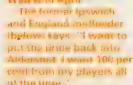
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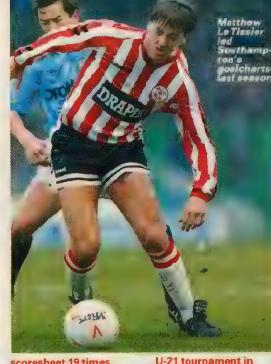


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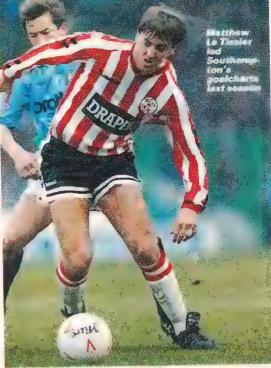


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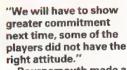
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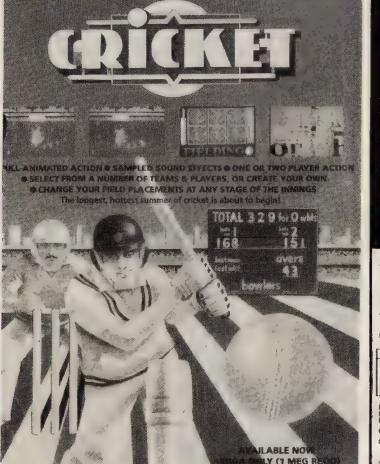
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SHOOT turns the spotlight on a couple of Clemence protegees with their eyes on the big time.

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ou've got to admit that the Darling Bud of Ray looks just 'perfick' as she makes her debut in front of the cameras.

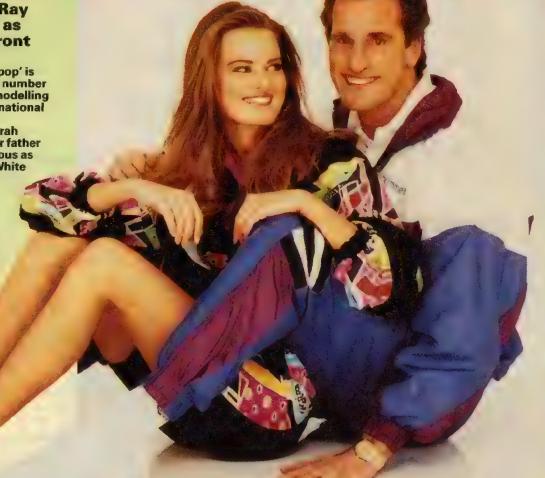
Slimline Sarah Clemence, whose 'pop' is the Spurs coach and former England number one, is hoping to launch a career in modelling by displaying her own brand of international

We'd love to be able to say that Sarah inherited her stunning looks from her father but that would be almost as scandalous as the goings on behind the scenes at White Hart Lane this season. Sorry Ray!

The 5ft 8inch beauty can, however, thank her goalkeeping father for the long legs she hopes will carry her elegantly down the catwalks of the fashion world.

If the studious Sarah (she's adding maths, computer literacy, business studies and photography to her list of 'O' levels) is as successful in her new career as her father, she won't go far wrong.

And with Ray around to keep a watchful eye on her progress at least she'll be in safe hands.





"Not so long ago there were a lot of clubs wanting to buy Paul because he has got so much ability," says reserve team

'But unfortunately the lad's form wasn't good last season and we were all puzzled as to why.
"He had one or two problems

with his back but we couldn't find any serious damage until he came back from his stay at Southend.

Moran, who has also had a loan spell with Portsmouth. celebrated his 23rd birthday last month. He has played just 36 first team games for Spurs. He admits: "I had hoped that

GETS PLASTERED MORAN

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he will at last fulfil the potential

he has promised ever since his debut back in season 1988-89.

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aul Moran will remember the first half of 1991 as the time he got well and truly plastered.

If you believe all you read in the papers your most recent memory of the dashing Tottenham winger will be his infamous loan spell with Newcastle, when he was said to be taking advantage of the hospitality at Gazza's local The

Moran maintains he had only two shandies at the club, but by the time the story hit the newsstands his intake had multiplied

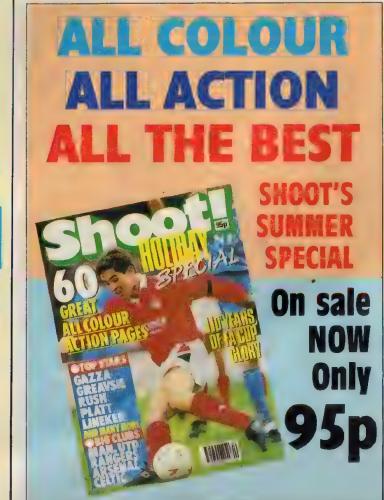
Moran's loan spell with The Magpies lasted precisely 58 minutes before his speedy return

by now I would have won a regular place in the Spurs team. Now I'm just hoping that the lads to White Hart Lane. And now, for why.
His season was ruined by a rare back injury that took months to diagnose. Moran put it down will get back to Wembley for next year's Cup Final because I am desperate to make an to tiredness at first, but, when the

impression with Spurs. "It's not been a good year for me and the Newcastle episode was the last thing I needed. "All of a sudden I was on the

back pages with a headli 'Gazza Pal in Booze Row' staring at me. It was all blown out of proportion – and just because I am Gazza's mate. I only had a couple of shandies...and that's

After the season he's had, Paul Moran doesn't want to get plastered - ever again.





THE ROY WEGERLE STORY: PART TWO

oy Wegerle is convinced that former Chelsea manager John Hollins sliced his transfer value by almost £2 million during his nightmare spell at Stamford Bridge. Wegerle arrivedin English

football five years ago on the recommendation of former England star Rodney Marsh.

Immediately Pat Nevin, then also a member of Hollins' team, tagged Wegerle the most skilful footballer at the club.

And Wegerle recalls: "When I joined Chelsea I was a £2 million player - there was no doubt about that. Yet when I left them two years later I was a £75,000

player."
Wegerle sums up his demise in one word: Confidence.

"It had been kicked out of me at Stamford Bridge," he continues. "I rarely got a game, I was left out in the cold and for a skilful player like myself that is the worst thing that can happen.

"My belief has always been the same. I just needed someone to see that and show the same confidence. Luckily, thank God,

Ray Harford came to my rescue. When he signed me for Luton

he told me to go ahead and do what I do best. My confidence started to return and within a year I was a £1 million player with Queens Park Rangers.

"My talent was neglected at Chelsea. John Hollins would give me ten minutes here, a game there and then forget about me for six weeks. When Bobby Campbell took over there were

times I couldn't even get a place in the reserves.

But my philosophy towards football has always been the same," he confirms. "I've never changed my game because there is only one way I know how to play football.

"It is purely a confidence thing with players like myself, John Barnes, Peter Beardsley and Paul Gascoigne. I would imagine we're all the same: Knock us



down and it takes a lot of character to get back up again."

Wegerle's potential was first spotted in 1982 by Rodney Marsh, another QPR hero, positively graced the number 10.

Wegerle was studying at Miami University and Marsh, as coach of local team Tampa Bay, persuaded him to take his skills to England.

'Rodney always had great faith in my ability. He recognised a lot of himself in the things I was doing. He took me under his wing, though he didn't teach me a lot because I was already the finished article."

Get off the fence, Roy, and while you're at it tell us which English players you most admire.

"I like to watch Peter Beardsley and John Barnes," he replies.

"Gascoigne entertains, sure he does. But I'm not entertained by the way he smiles, sticks his tonque out, waves his arms around and talks to the crowd. He doesn't have the grace of Barnes or Beardsley.

Talking of knee injuries leads us to the story of how Wegerle's dream of playing for Manchester United was wrecked at 14.

He had a trial arranged for him at Old Trafford by ex-United 'keeper Gary Bailey's father Roy.
''It was in 1980," recalls

Wegerle. "Roy was my coach in South Africa and he persuaded United to take me over for a two month trial. I remember playing with Mark Hughes and Norman Whiteside and all that lot when we were just kids.

'But after my second week I damaged ligaments in my knee so I was out for the remainder of the trial. So I went back to South Africa to finish my education but I vowed I would return.

NO MORE MR. NIGE GUY

avid Hay, the man once booted out by Celtic for being "too nice", is proving he won't be a soft touch any longer.

The St.Mirren manager has had to get tough to shake up the Paisley club who only stayed in the Premier League by virtue of the mid-season reconstruction which meant no relegation from the Top Ten.

He's already said 'adios' to Spanish World Cup star Victor because the veteran was struggling for

He's offloaded former Spurs and Barcelona ace Steve Archibald because his £6,500 weekly wage was draining the club's coffers.

And he's told Paul Kinnaird to pack his bags after the winger gossiped about the club in a newspaper.

And Hay aims to be just as ruthless with the rest of his players as he strives to rebuild the struggling Saints.

He's made everyone available for transfer at the right price but admits: "There are some here I don't want to lose but who I might have to sell just to raise the money to finance other

It's all a far cry from Hay's five-year reign as Celtic manager when he often claimed he was too good in protecting his players from harsh reality.

Eventually he paid the price when he became the first manager in Celtic's history to be sacked and, four years on, he

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admits: "After that, I couldn't see the day when I would ever come back into football in any capacity.

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MAREMRAIGE GUY

avid Hay, the man once booted out by Celtic for being "too nice", is proving he won't be a soft touch any longer.

The St.Mirren manager has had to get tough to shake up the Paisley club who only stayed in the Premier League by virtue of the mid-season reconstruction which meant no relegation from the Top Ten.

He's already said 'adios' to Spanish World Cup star Victor because the veteran was struggling for

He's offloaded former Spurs and Barcelona ace Steve Archibald because his £6,500 weekly wage was draining the club's coffers.

And he's told Paul Kinnaird to pack his bags after the winger gossiped about the club in a newspaper.

And Hay aims to be just as ruthless with the rest of his players as he strives to rebuild the struggling Saints.

He's made everyone available for transfer at the right price but admits: "There are some here I don't want to lose but who l might have to sell just to raise the money to finance other

It's all a far cry from Hay's five-year reign as Celtic manager when he often claimed he was too good in protecting his players from harsh reality.

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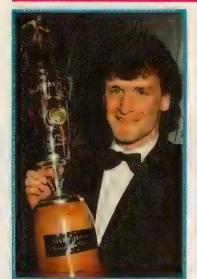
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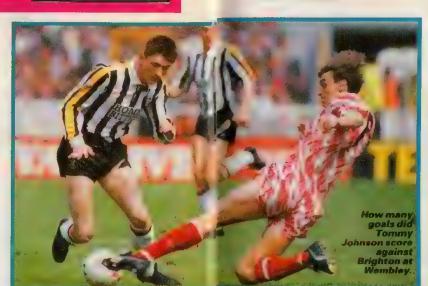
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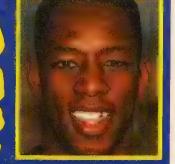
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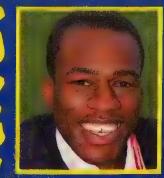


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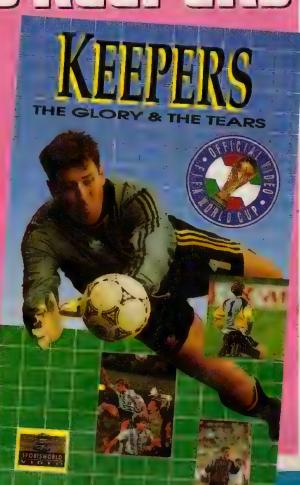
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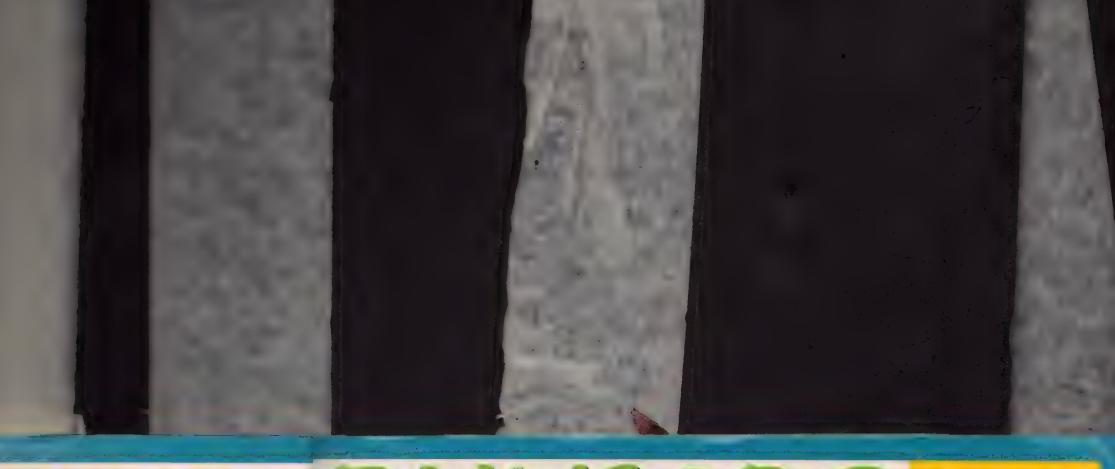
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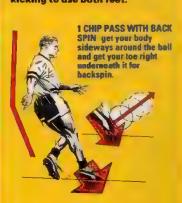
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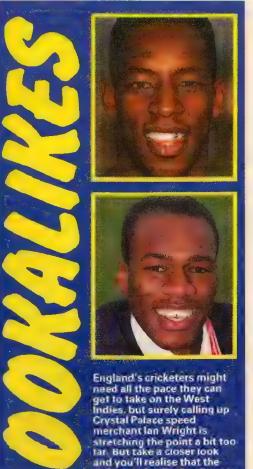
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t's all go for Tottenham star Gary Lineker these days.

For even though the football season may have officially ended, the man recently voted 'Britain's Hunkiest Footballer' by Radio One listeners is still very much on the move.

First there was the little matter of the FA Cup Final (including extra-time) immediately followed by a gruelling flight Down Under for England's current summer tour of Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia.

In between he's had to jet off to Japan to play for Spurs in a lucrative friendly before rejoining Graham Taylor's squad in his efforts to overhaul Bobby Charlton's 49-goal England record.

Gary finally returns to England this Thursday and the good news is – there's only eight weeks to the Charity Shield!

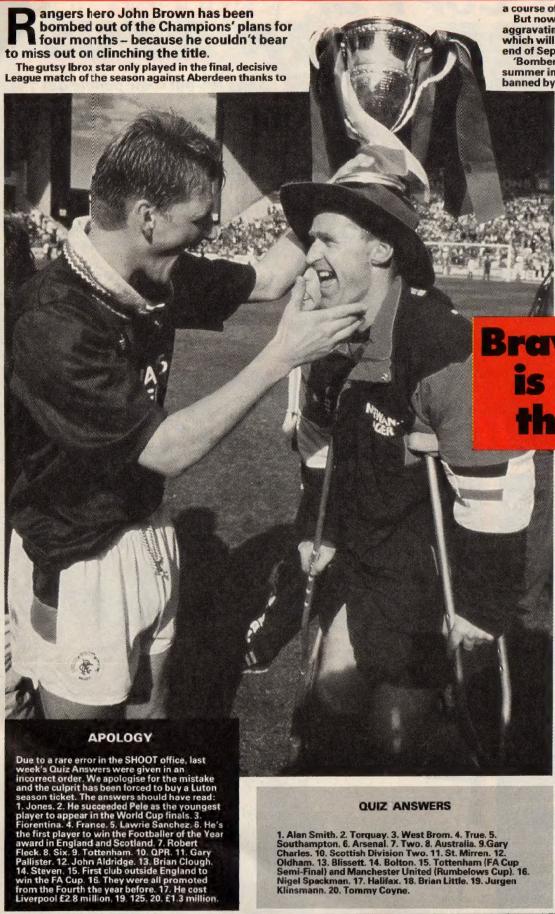
And there's a bulging postbag waiting for him at home as his Official Fan Club continues to grow.

One of his more pleasurable tasks was judging the winners of 'Paint Gary' competition, though the England skipper admits: "Breaking down World Cup defences was easier than trying to sort out two winners."

Eventually he settled for the entries from Nigel Groom of Cheltenham and Jodi Reynolds of Maidstone, who both met Gary at the FA Cup Final.



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a course of pain-killing injections. But now he's paying the cost after aggravating a long-running Achilles injury which will keep him out of action until the end of September at the earliest.

'Bomber' Brown has to spend the entire summer in plaster and has even been banned by doctors from going on holiday.

But he admits: "I'd do it all again - it was worth it.

"To be part of the team which wins the League on the last day and go down in history is something I'll always remember."

But the versatile 29-year-old, who came to Ibrox in a £350,000 deal from Dundee three years ago, didn't do it for personal glory. He'll simply do anything for the good of Rangers.

Although he arrived at the club as a midfielder, he's played in defence and attack to help out, and it's that spirit which prompted his heroics against Aberdeen.

Brown adds: "It had to be done. The trouble started about six months ago but I had to play

Brave Brown the price

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through because of the other injuries that were piling up.
"I was due in hospital to have the Achilles scraped so I couldn't even train with the lads in the run-in to the Aberdeen game.
"I had to take a couple of

injections just before I went out so that I could play. That numbed the pain, but during the game I went down heavily and tore my calf muscle."

Brown eventually had to hobble off but there was no way he was going to miss the celebrations - he came back onto the field on crutches after the

final whistle to enjoy the party. Now that euphoria has worn off, he is facing the stark reality that he'll miss the start of the new season and the First Round

of the European Cup. He says: "The doctors split my tendon down the middle and now I'm not allowed to do any physical activity, not even weights, in case I sweat and irritate the leg under the plaster. I've also been told I can't go on holiday because a long flight would make the leg swell.

"Ray Wilkins had the same

injury a couple of seasons ago and he simply had to walk around in training while we ran. But he recovered well, so I'll be following his lead.

'And at least I've got a title medal to tide me over. Imagine how bad it would be if I'd had to sit with my leg in plaster and we'd lost the League."

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He wasn't under-rated within the He wasn't under-rated within the game, though he never received the recognition he deserved. A few years ago I made a video of the great players of the 1970s and I actually said Ray was my Man of the Decade. He started as a striker at Arsenal and won the double, moved to Liverpool's midfield and won just about everything going and had ten years of total success without getting half the headlines of our mate Gazza.

Derby in the dumps

With the likely departure of Saunders, Wright and Shilton as well as a block on all new signings, what are the chances of Derby making a quick

return to the soccer big time?

GERRY FAULKNER,
YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

Gazza can go

Spurs proved in the FA Cup Final that they're a better team without Paul Gascoigne and can do even better if and when he leaves.

CHRIS MACKENZIE,

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO.DURHAM

Nobody with any sense really believed that Spurs were a one-man team, but it's silly to say that Spurs won't miss a player of Gascoigne's ability. Mind you, they can certainly do without the sort of performance he put in at Wembley. Nayim is a more than adequate deputy and Spurs certainly won't lie down and die without Gazza.



With stars such as Gullit, Van Basten, Caniggia and Schillaci all out of favour in Italy, why don't British clubs look to sign the game's top stars?

NEIL BAKER,
PURTON, WILTS.



No.4: Second Division OLDHAM FORMED: 1895 NICKNAME: The Latics ADDRESS: Boundary Park, Oldham, Lancashire, OL1 2PA TELEPHONE: 061-624-4972 MANAGER: Joe Royle

CHAIRMAN: lan Stott GROUND CAPACITY: 19,432 RECORD ATTENDANCE: 47,671 v Sheffield Wednesday, FA Cup, 1930 **RECORD VICTORY:** 11-0 v Southport,

1962 **RECORD DEFEAT: 13-4 v Tranmere,**

RECORD TRANSFER FEE **CEIVED:** £1 million from Everton for Mike Milligan, 1990

£460,000 to Hull for Richard Jobson, 1990 HONOURS: Division Three (North) **Champions 1953, Division Two Champions**

I his is great, let's taste it again. Those were the words of the Oldham players as they were sitting in the bath at Wembley just minutes after losing the 1990 Littlewoods Cup Final to Nottingham Forest.

Now, 12 months on, they are poised for those sort of occasions every week as they pit their wits against the best teams in the land.

The Latics could scarcely have been more determined to go up last season.

The previous year, they reached the Littlewoods Cup Final and the FA Cup Semi-Finals, but couldn't cope with their huge backlog of fixtures and missed out on

Striker Andy Ritchie admits: "Those two Cup runs cost us promotion and we were determined that we would reach the First Division this time.

"Being knocked out of both Cups early on was

probably a blessing in disguise."
There was never any danger of Oldham failing to win promotion but it was only on the last day of the season that they sneaked through to claim the title.

Leaders West Ham were beaten at home by Notts
County, while at Boundary Park, a last-minute penalty
from Neil Redfearn gave Oldham victory over Sheffield
Wednesday to nick the Championship.
"It's nice to go up as Champions because it means a bit
more presting for the club and the players." save Pitchia

more prestige for the club and the players," says Ritchie. 'We know we could have won it easier but for a few dodgy results, but in the end it was down to the last

game and it was storybook stuff.
"We were delighted with the way things went last season. We've worked very hard for it during the past

two years and now we're enjoying a break."

Next season will be Oldham's first in the top flight since 1923, but they will approach it with confidence, despite their plastic pitch being ripped up this summer. "We know we can play on grass and we won a lot of games away from home last season," argues Ritchie.

"If the plastic pitch gave us an advantage it was only in

as much as other teams thought they couldn't play on it, and were effectively beaten before they started."
Ritchie is one of the few players in the Oldham squad who has First Division experience and he says: "It will be great to test myself again against the best defences in the world and hopefully I can do well.

"As a team, we proved in those Cup runs that we can beat the top sides but we are well aware that we have to find the consistency to match them week in, week out.

"Every game next season is going to be like a Cup match and I'll tell you this - we can't wait!"

LEAGUE RESULTS Bovis Ever since the England team was run by a committee and Walter Winterbottom

oe Royle has GOT to be the next England manager . . . that's the view of Oldham's former Watford winger Rick Holden - one of the star turns at a little club that places a big priority on entertainment.

after the war, no former striker has ever held the top job in the country. Of the five men who have been in charge

- Alf Ramsey, Don Revie, Ron Greenwood, Bobby Robson and Graham Taylor – none of them ever played up front.
Holden reckons, when Taylor calls it a day, it will be time for a change . . . and he

knows just the man for the job

"Joe Royle would be an ideal candidate," says Holden. "The boss loves to play the game with as much style as possible. He never lets fear rule him.

'I'm sure Graham Taylor will be around for a long time, but by the time his spell as boss is over Joe will have had plenty of experience as a First Division manager and

be ready for the ultimate test.
"Surely by then the time will have come to try a former centre-forward as the national team boss.

Royle himself knows even his pedigree

will count for nothing when Oldham go into the big time next season as proud holders of the Second Division

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LAST SEASON

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Swindon (a) WBA (h)

Championship.

Despite his track record as a
Championship-winning player and
successful Second Division manager, big
Joe needs to be a success in the top flight if he is ever to land the plum job.

Those who know him have no doubt he'll be a big hit in the First Division. Royle's devastating wit, for one, does help him to let the pressure of the game wash

For instance, his one-liner when he signed a new contract at Oldham was a classic. At a press conference, it was put to him that he will have been with Oldham for eight and a half years by the time his

latest contract was over. Joked Royle: "Even the great train robbers got less than that!" The big man is certainly on the right track.

